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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Gwen C. Thompson, Chief,  
Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing

**SUBJECT:** Regulation Development Update to Amend Regulation 61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries

The Notice of Drafting (NOD) to substantially amend Regulation 61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries was published in the *State Register* on September 27, 2013. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) proposes to amend Regulation 61-16. This amendment may include, but will not be limited to, definitions, interpretations, licensure, classification of violations, management, medical staff, nursing service, accommodations for patients, standards for specialized departments or services, vital statistics, food service, maintenance, laundry, linen, housekeeping, refuse disposal, infection control, physical plant, design requirements, construction requirements, hazardous elements of construction, fire protection, fire prevention, engineering and exits.

If you wish, you may submit written comments to Gwen C. Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM, October 28, 2013, the close of the drafting comment period.

Your input is extremely valuable to us in writing the regulation. If you think something should be included or not included in the regulation, please send in your comments before the deadline.

Thank you for your input and participation. Please pass this information on to anyone else that may be interested in participating. If there are any questions about this process or other recommendations regarding the regulation process, please call Dave Fiorini at 803-545-4301 or me at 803-545-4670.

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